UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Civil Action No. 05-11534-JLT

REQUEST BY PARTIES FOR COURT TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT

This Action involves a claim under the Family Medical Leave Act. In July, 2005, the Fourth Circuit in *Taylor v. Progress Energy, Inc.*, 415 F. 3d 364 (4th Cir. 2005) held that Family Medical Leave Act ("FMLA") claims may not be released unless settlements are approved by a court or the Department of Labor. Although the First Circuit has not yet opined on this issue, out of an abundance of caution, the parties hereby request that the court acknowledge and approve that a settlement has occurred in this matter.

Attached to this request as Exhibit A is an Affidavit of Elizabeth Vaughn, plaintiff in this matter, stating that she is aware that by settling this litigation, she is releasing all claims under the Family and Medical Leave Act.

WHEREFORE, the parties request that the court sign an order approving the settlement.

The Defendants,

By their attorneys,

THEODORE CHARLES,

INVESTORS CAPITAL HOLDINGS, LTD., INVESTORS CAPITAL CORPORATION and

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A form order is attached as Exhibit B.

Dated: Weller Des , 2006

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EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

ELIZABETH M. VAUGHN,)
Plaintiff,)
VS.) Civil Action No. 05-11534-JLT
INVESTORS MARKETING)
SERVICES, INC., INVESTORS)
CAPITAL HOLDINGS, LTD.,	
INVESTORS CAPITAL CORP.,)
JANICE CHARLES AND	
THEODORE CHARLES,)
)
Defendants.)
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AFFIDAVIT OF ELIZABETH VAUGHN

- I, Elizabeth Vaughn, hereby depose and state as follows:
- I am the plaintiff in the above-captioned action. I am entering into a Settlement
 Agreement and Release with defendants in the above-captioned action.
 - 2. My Complaint includes a claim under the Family and Medical Leave Act.
 - 3. I have consulted with an attorney regarding the settlement of my claims.
- 4. I acknowledge that by entering into a settlement with Defendants, I am knowingly and voluntarily waiving and releasing any rights that I may have under the Family and Medical Leave Act.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury this 15 day of March, 2006.

Elizabeth Vaughn

EXHIBIT B

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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ELIZABETH M. VAUGHN,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) Civil Action No. 05-11534-JLT
INVESTORS MARKETING SERVICES, INC., INVESTORS CAPITAL HOLDINGS, LTD., INVESTORS CAPITAL CORP., JANICE CHARLES AND THEODORE CHARLES, Defendants.	
	ORDER
After considering the request of t	the parties and the Affidavit of Elizabeth Vaughn, the
court hereby approves the settlement rea-	ched by the parties in this matter.
	So ordered:
	Joseph L. Tauro Justice of the United States District Court
Dated:, 2006	